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SUBJECT: SNO SEIZURE IN NORTHWEST THAILAND

HQS PASS MR BELK, IA; MR DURKIN, ENCC ; AND MR WARNER, SIO  
FROM DICK

1. INFORMATION WAS MADE AVILABLE TO SNO REGARDING THE  
STORAGE OF OPIUM AND A POSSIBLE LABORATORY SITE AT MAE HUE  
VILLAGE, DISTRICT OF MAE CHAN, LOCATED NORTHWEST OF MAE  
RIM, NEAR BAN YANG. THE INFORMATION FURTHER DESCRIBED TWO  
SPECIFIC BUILDINGS INVOLVED.

2. ON 16 MARCH AT 1030 HOURS A JOINT FORCE OB BPP ( BORDER  
PATROL POLICE), SNO, AND THE ACTING SAIC OF THE BNDD CHIANG  
MAI DISTRICT OFFICE LANDED AT THE VILLAGE VIA TWO PAD ( POLICE  
AIR DIVISION) HELICOPTERS WHICH PROVIDED AIR SUPPORT.

3. ONCE ON THE GROUND AND APPROACHING THE VILLAGE, THE FORCE  
CAME UNDER SMALL ARMS FIRE. THE BPP AND SNO RETURNED THE  
FIRE AND ATTACKERS ( BELIEVED BY THE BPP TO BE CHINESE  
HAW TRADERS) FLED INTO THE JUNGLE. THE ATTACKERS  
REGROUPED AT THE EDGE OF THE JUNGLE AND BEGAN FIRING  
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AGAIN. THE BPP ASSAULTED THE POSITION AND THE ATTACKERS  
FLED INTO THE JUNGLE, PURSUED BY THE BPP.

4. SNO COMMENCED A SEARCH OF THE TWO BUILDINGS. IN  
THE HOUSE OF LAO SANG THEY SEIZED 66 KILOS OF RAW OPIUM,  
A HK-33 AUTOMATIC RIFLE AND 3,800 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.  
IN THE HOUSE OF SANG SHENG SANG THEY SEIZED 2.5 KILOS OF  
#3 HEROIN AND A SMALL SUPPLY OF CHEMICALS AND THREE  
DEFENDANTS WERE ARRESTED.

5. DURING THE SEARCH AND SEIZURE BY SNO IN THE VILLAGE,  
ONE OF THE PAD HELICOPTERS TOOK OFF TO ASSIST THE BPP  
IN SEARCHING FOR THE ATTACKERS. DURING THE AIRBORNE  
SEARCH THE HELICOPTER TOOK A SINGLE ROUND OF SMALL ARMS  
FIRE IN THE GAS TANK AND WAS FORCED TO RETURN.

6. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE BPP PERIMETER DEFENSE SPOTTED  
THE REGROUPED ATTACKERS WHO OPENED FIRE FROM THE EDGE  
OF THE JUNGLE. THE BPP RETURNED FIRE, STORMED THE  
POSITION AND FOUND AN ABANDONED M-1 RIFLE.

7. THE JOINT FORCE, ALONG WITH THE SEIZURE, DEFENDANTS  
AND HELICOPTERS RETURNED SAFELY. THERE WERE NO REPEAT  
NO CASUALTIES OR INJURIES. EQUIPMENT DAMAGE WAS LIMITED  
TO ONE BULLET HOLE IN THE GAS TANK OF ONE OF THE PAD  
HELICOPTERS.

8. THE BNDD SAIC COMMENTS THAT THE COURAGE AND  
AGGRESSIVENESS OF BOTH THE BPP AND SNO PERSONNEL  
WHILE UNDER FIRE WAS OUTSTANDING.  
DECONTROL BY BNDD ONLY UPON RECEIPT.  
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